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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
DIVISION

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IN RE:

COURTHOUSE SMOKING POLICY

No. 05-AO-000 9-P

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Effective March 1, 2006, this Administrative Order supersedes AO 1452.

On August 9, 1997, President Clinton issued Executive Order 13058, which prohibits the smoking of tobacco products in the interior space of buildings under the control of the federal government, and in certain outdoor spaces surrounding such buildings. Although the Executive Order does not apply to the judicial branch of the federal government, the Judges in the Northern District of Iowa are in agreement with the stated purpose of the order, which is "to establish a smoke-free environment for [Judicial] employees and members of the public visiting or using [Federal courthouses]."

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective March 1, 2006, that the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited in all interior space of courthouses in the Northern District of Iowa, and in all outdoor areas adjacent to such courthouses. This prohibition covers all corridors, restrooms, offices, jury rooms, courtrooms, canteens, witness rooms, conference rooms, exits, entryways, docks, and parking lots, in and adjacent to the courthouses in the Northern District of Iowa.

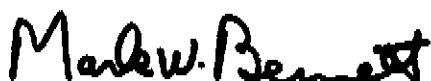
A basement room within the federal courthouse in Sioux City has been designated as a smoking area for use exclusively by jurors while they are performing jury service. This room is not available for use by anyone else, including court employees.

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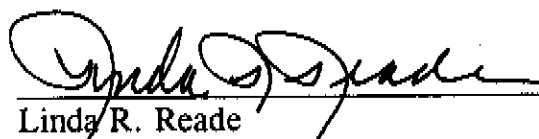
Court employees are required to observe the general prohibition against smoking in and around the districts' courthouses. Furthermore, they must limit smoking to scheduled mid-day lunch breaks. Any smoking during a lunch break must be off the property limits of the districts' courthouses and away from the areas immediately surrounding the districts' courthouses, including exits, entryways, docks, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Court units are encouraged to make public health information on smoking cessation available to employees who smoke.

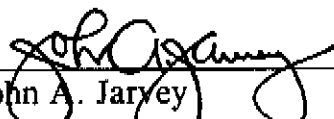
DONE AND ORDERED this 19th day of December, 2005.



Mark W. Bennett
Chief U.S. District Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



Linda R. Reade
U.S. District Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



John A. Jarvey
Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



Paul A. Zoss
U.S. Magistrate Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT